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March 22, 2010

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RE: Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 14X), *Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.-Abandonment Exemption-in Kent, Ionia, and Montcalm Counties, MI*

Dear Ms. Brown:

On December 23, 2008, the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") granted a request to substitute Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail ("FFMHT") for the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with the Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. ("MMRR") for approximately a 21.88-mile rail line between Lowell, milepost 103.20, and Greenville, milepost 81.32, in Kent, Ionia and Montcalm Counties, MI (the "Southerly Line Segment"), in the above-entitled proceeding. The negotiation period was extended in a decision served on June 18, 2009 and is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2010. On November 9, 2009, the Board served a decision granting FFMHT an extension of time to negotiate trail use for the 2.82 mile portion of the remaining right-of way from milepost 81.32 to milepost 78.50 near Greenville at the end of the line (the "Northerly Line Segment"). The negotiation period for both segments (collectively the "Line") is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2010.

FFMHT and MMRR have diligently negotiated a trail use agreement for the Line. FFMHT is working to finalize funding for the acquisition of the Line, but does not expect to have all of the funding available until June 30, 2010 in order to close the transaction. Therefore, FFMHT respectfully request the Board to grant a 180 day extension of the period for FFMHT to negotiate trail use for the Line with MMRR. FFMHT contends that there is good cause for the extension of the negotiating period to September 27, 2010 since FFMHT expects funding for the trail acquisition to be completed by June 30, 2010. Enclosed is a check for the filing fee of \$450.

An original and 10 copies of this letter are being filed. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed stamped envelop. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

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Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

Cc: Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.

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